



Researchers shake up the Delta to learn about earthquake risks

Researchers from the University of California, Los Angeles, have completed a [series of tests](#) aimed at understanding the risks earthquakes pose to Delta levees. Earlier this week, a machine that simulates an earthquake was used to shake a small area of [Sherman Island](#). Results of the tests are expected in about six months. They will be posted on the [Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation](#) website.

Discount registration rate still available for levee symposium

There is still time to get the [reduced registration rate](#) for the [Levee Vegetation Research Symposium](#). The deadline has been extended to Sunday, Aug. 19. The symposium will be Aug. 28-30, in Sacramento. It will focus on research, including studies done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, into the effects of trees and plants on earthen levees.



DSC sets agenda for two-day meeting next week

The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) has scheduled a two-day meeting for Aug. 23 and 24, in Sacramento. The [agenda](#) for the first day includes approving the nominations of Independent Science Board members and an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). Friday's session will begin with the council convening in closed session to discuss the hiring of a new DSC executive officer. The council will reconvene in open session later in the day to discuss any action taken.

BDCP to provide development update later this month

The next BDCP meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 29, in Sacramento. There will be an update on development of the proposed plan, including details on the biological goals and objectives. Additional meeting information, including an agenda, will be posted on the [BDCP calendar](#) webpage as it becomes available.

How Australia uses climate change data to assess flood dangers

The next lecture in the [Delta Science Program's](#) Brown Bag Series will review the use of climate change information to estimate flooding potential. James Ball, from the University of Technology, Sydney, will present some of the tools and methods being used in Australia to assess flood risk. He will speak Monday, Aug. 27, in Sacramento. Details and contact information are available in this [flier](#).

Saturday marks golden anniversary for San Luis Complex

This Saturday, Aug. 18, will be the 50th anniversary of the groundbreaking for the [San Luis Complex](#). President John F. Kennedy joined Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown Sr. to mark the beginning of construction on the reservoir that serves state and federal water systems with water from the Delta. A portion of President Kennedy's comments on the groundbreaking day are available in [this video](#).



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